

ORR, Economic Area
Industrial Division
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AIRCRAFT BRANCH

MISSION

The Aircraft Branch is responsible for producing all-source economic intelligence on the aircraft industries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, for contributing to the coordination of such intelligence production within the U.S. Government, and for contributing, within its field of responsibility, to national estimates. The aircraft industries include generally complete aircraft of all types, airframes, engines and instruments.

FUNCTIONS

Within its field of responsibility the Aircraft Branch shall:

1. Formulate, recommend, and prepare, or coordinate the preparation of, research programs and intelligence studies bearing on the economic capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.
2. Provide economic intelligence support, and, when requested, technical advice to other components of CIA or to other U.S. Government agencies.
3. Maintain working level liaison with other U.S. Government agencies.
4. Provide chairman and/or secretariat for EIC sub-committees.
5. Prepare collection, collation, and exploitation requirements and provide guidance and evaluation in support thereof.
6. Recommend and work with, as necessary, consultants and/or consultant panels to assist in carrying out Branch responsibilities.
7. Review and evaluate all intelligence reports received.

ORGANIZATION

The Aircraft Branch is organized into the following informal sections:

1. USSR
2. Communist China
3. European Satellites
4. Methods and Technical Analysis